

1                                   **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**  
2                                   **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

3 IN RE COMPLIANCE WITH  
4 RCW 42.17

PDC CASE NO. 03-080 and  
CASE NO. 02-296

5 CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR BETTER  
6 GOVERNMENT AND JOSEPH COOMER

ORDER OF REFERRAL  
TO THE WASHINGTON STATE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
OFFICE

7 Respondents.  
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9                                   **INTRODUCTION**

10       This matter came before the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission on March 25,  
11 2003 at its meeting at the PDC offices in the Evergreen Plaza Building, Room 206, 711 Capitol  
12 Way South, Olympia, Washington. Those present included Commission members Michael  
13 Connelly, Chair, Susan Brady, Vice-chair, Lois Clement, Secretary, Francis Martin, and Earl  
14 Tilly; PDC Executive Director Vicki Rippie; PDC Assistant Director Susan Harris; PDC  
15 Director of Compliance Philip E. Stutzman; Senior Assistant Attorney General Linda A. Dalton;  
16 and Assistant Attorney General Nancy Krier. Respondents Concerned Citizens for Better  
17 Government and Joseph Coomer were provided advance written notice of the meeting and  
18 advance notice of the meeting and this matter were posted on the PDC's website. Respondents  
19 did not attend the meeting.

20       Philip E. Stutzman, representing PDC Staff, presented the Commission with an oral summary  
21 of the investigative findings and alleged apparent multiple violations of RCW 42.17.065,  
22 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 committed by Respondents Concerned Citizens for Better Government  
23 and Joseph Coomer. The Commission also reviewed the written Report of Investigation  
24 regarding the Respondents.

25       Following the oral presentation by Staff and consideration of the materials submitted by  
26 Staff, and after deliberation, the Commission directed the following:

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**ORDER OF REFERRAL**

By a unanimous vote, the Commission finds multiple apparent violations of RCW 42.17.065, 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 by the Respondents for failing to timely report contribution and expenditure information for 2001 and 2002 activities supporting or opposing candidates and ballot propositions.

Given the insufficiency of its penalty authority and in lieu of holding an enforcement hearing, the Commission also unanimously refers the above referenced apparent violations to the Washington State Attorney General's Office for appropriate action pursuant to RCW 42.17.360 and .395 and WAC 390-37-100.

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2003.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

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VICKI RIPPIE, Executive Director

*Copies to be provided to:*  
Linda A. Dalton, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Counsel for Commission Staff  
Nancy Krier, Assistant Attorney General  
Counsel for Commission